



Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: 23 March 2006

Present: Celeste Andrade, Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, Joan Hantman, Janet Macdonald. (A quorum was present.)

Guest: Nava Niv-Vogel, Director
Belmont Council on Aging

Absent: Kathy Allen, William Rodi (Associate) Carole Williams, Fran Williams (Associate)

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room 1 of the Belmont Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

Community Development Block Grant: Ms. Niv-Vogel made a special request for support of a planned project to install an elevator at Waverly Oaks. She cited hardships the residents were experiencing having access only to stairs – for example, serious falls, and having to get bundles and/or laundry up and down the stairs. \$30,000 (thirty-thousand dollars) was required for design of the elevator; a Community Development Block Grant was being sought from HUD to fund the design. Ms. Niv-Vogel requested support from the Disability Access Commission. The grant application is due April 3, 2006 to HUD. The Commission unanimously offered strong support. Laurie Graham made a motion to provide Commission support, Joan Hantman seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous voice vote. In closed session, Commission decided to match the grant 10% with a cap of \$3,000.

ADA Consent Agreement: Ray Glazier reported that he had contacted Tom Younger and the Town Selectmen again. Celeste Andrade made a motion and Janet Macdonald seconded a motion that Ray Glazier email Paul Solomon about this outstanding issue.

Belmont Disability Awareness Video Project: In a presentation to the Town Selectmen, they approved the whole invoice, not just the first check. Ray Glazier presented several vignettes that are being considered.

Media Cooperation: Ray Glazier reported on a meeting he had with the Belmont Media Center Director. They discussed how the Commission and the Center could cooperate. Jeffrey Hansell is the new Executive Director.

2005 Annual Report: Ray Glazier presented the Annual Report, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Phone Number: The Commission's new phone number is 617-993-2699 and will be operational in three days.

Wellington: Laurie Graham reported that the large increase in the number of children at the school will create traffic problems. Also, there are two additional LABBB classes planned. A major redistricting plan will be required.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted,

Celeste M. Andrade,
Secretary